

THE "WHOLE" TRUTH

Some one has said that when "Envy cannot deny merit, it ignores it." Thus there is stricken out of the appropriation for Howard University, \$207,500, presumably upon the principle that "if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out." Whether or not the fund is to be permanently withheld from America's greatest Negro university remains to be seen, but the

fact remains that the item was arbitrarily taken out of the appropriations for the Interior Department, all because the truth--the whole truth about the religion which Jesus Christ preached--had been laid upon the table by a venerable Presbyterian minister, a man of God, a trustee of a great educational institution. Howard University has contributed

bountifully to America's civilization and America's Christian progress. Within its walls many a soul has found an expression for peace and good-will to mankind. Many a minister trained at Howard University, is devoutly expounding Christian doctrines to his people; yea, to the world. But, the whole truth is that ENVY would not have it so. ENVY

would establish in the hearts of men, merely the truth of its own denials. The whole truth of a Christian creed, of a Christian people, of the precepts of Christ--these truths ENVY would gag and muzzle; if not by force, then by financial starvation.

Christ, though, rose from the dead. So will Howard University's appropriation. So will the "whole" truth! (—See Preston News Service)

NEGRO ARISTOCRACY A CENTURY AGO

FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND COLORED PEOPLE OWNED SLAVES IN THE UNITED IN YEAR 1830.

The Association for Study of Negro Life and History Engaged in Research Work Find Some Interesting Data.

MAJORITY HELD SLAVES FOR PURELY PHILANTHROPIC REASONS—DR. CARTER G. WOODSON, NOTED NEGRO HISTORIAN IN CHARGE OF GREAT WORK.

Taking up the study of the Free Negro in the United States, the Research Department of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, directed by Dr. C. G. Woodson, decided to make this statistical report as to the heads of families, their ownership of slaves and social relations with the whites. The aim was to facilitate the further study of this neglected group. Most of these people have been forgotten for persons supposedly well informed in history are surprised to learn today that about a half million almost one-seventh of the Negroes of this country, were free prior to the emancipation in 1865. They can hardly believe that 4500 of these were owners of slaves themselves in 1830, and to many cases controlled large plantations.

The census records show that the majority of the Negro owners of slaves were such from the point of view of philanthropy. In many instances the husband purchased the wife or vice versa. The slaves belonging to such families were few compared with the large numbers found among the whites on the well developed plantations. Slaves of Negroes were in some cases the children of a free father who had purchased his wife. If he did not there after emancipate the mother, as so many such husbands failed to do, his own children were born his slaves and were thus reported by the enumerators.

Some of these husbands were not anxious to liberate their wives immediately. They considered it advisable to put them on probation for a few years and if they did not find them satisfactory they would sell their wives as other slave holders disposed of Negroes. For example a Negro shoemaker in Charleston, South Carolina, purchased his wife for \$700; but, on finding her hard to please, he sold her a few months thereafter for \$750, gaining \$50 by the transaction. Dr. C. G. Woodson personally knew a man in Cumberland County, Virginia, whose mother was purchased by his father who had first bought himself. Becoming enamored of a male slave, she gave him her husband's manumission papers that they might escape together to free soil. Upon detecting this plot, the officers of the law got the impression that her husband had turned over the papers to the slave and arrested the freedman for the supposed offense. He had such difficulty in extricating himself from this complication that his attorney's fees amounted to \$500. To pay them he disposed of his faithless wife for that amount.

Benevolent Negroes often purchased slaves to make their lot easier by granting them their freedom for a nominal sum or by permitting them to work it out on liberal terms. John Barry Meachum, a Negro Baptist minister in St. Louis, thus came into possession of as many as 20 slaves by 1836. The exploitation type of Negro slaveholder, however, sometimes feeling the sting of conscience liberated his slaves. Thus did Samuel Gibson, a Negro of Mississippi, in 1844, when he brought his six slaves to Cincinnati, Ohio and settled them on free territory.

Practically all of these Negro slave holders were in the South. Slavery, however, at that time had not been exterminated altogether in the North, and even there the Negro was following in the footsteps of the white man as this report will show.

In the South where almost all of the Negro slaveholders were found, moreover, we find some of them competing with the large planters in the number of slaves they owned. Most of such Negro proprietors lived in Louisiana, South Carolina, Maryland and Virginia, as did the majority of all such slave owners.

Excepting those of Louisiana one may say that most of the Negro owners of slaves lived in urban communities. In those parts of the South where the influence of the kind planter near the coast was not felt the Negro owner of slaves did not frequently appear. The free Negroes themselves moreover, encountered such difficulties in the lower South and Southwest that they had to seek more hospitable communities in free States.

FOURTH DISTRICT VETERANS BUREAU IN EFFECTIVE WORK

Increased service to the disabled ex-service men and extensive reductions in expenditures for administrative purposes have resulted in the conduct of the Veterans' Bureau in Virginia and other territory in this locality, as a result of the reorganization of the Fourth District, which is now nearing completion. These improvements are the result of about three months intensive investigation and readjustment of personnel, attitude and methods.

In line with General Hines policy of more direct, more human and more practical treatment of the disabled veterans the local district has already effected the assignment of attorneys to protect the interests of the soldiers, an increase of the contact force whereby the claims of the disabled are brought to the attention of the Bureau and a control activity to insure action and expeditions service to claimants. Certain administrative reforms now nearly accomplished will result in the lopping off by March thirty-first of \$150,000 needless annual expenditure from which the soldiers would get no commensurate benefit. Probably the most important step yet taken in the new administration, is the beginning of a practical and scientific survey of each man in vocational training in Washington, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, which is already partly accomplished.

The re-adjustment in the local Bureau activities dates from October last, when Director Hines appointed Arthur J. Dalton, Manager for the Fourth District. He is the first, and thus far the only District Manager appointed by General Hines and was selected by the Director after more than five years distinguished service in the Bureau, during which he had attracted the attention and interest of both the ex-service men and his official associates. It was to be expected that he would to a large extent reflect the policy of the new Director whose plans are now beginning to crystallize.

As a result of the reorganization the Fourth District is now ready to give unprejudiced and careful consideration to all claims brought before it. Particular efforts are being directed toward clearing up cases that have become community scandals, either because the claimant has failed to properly prosecute them or because they have been handled without proper care by the Bureau in the past. A staff of experienced men has been assigned to protect the interests of those appealing to the Bureau, to see to it that every angle of their case is cleared up where possible, and to assist the claimant in the proper presentation of his case and maintenance of his rights under the law. Three additional contact officers have already been assigned to field duty making a total of fourteen men whose duties are to assist and inform disabled men both in the cities and more isolated communities, who have come to the Bureau for assistance how to proceed to furnish the Government the information necessary to make their claims legal.

In addition, all personnel of the Fourth District have been instructed that they will be held liable as a part of their official duty for informing and assisting any persons who appeal to them for help in this connection at any time. As a result of this improved contact service a number of distressing cases have recently been cleared up where disabled men were at the point of death as a result of heart trouble, tuberculosis and other disabilities arising from the service. To insure the fitness of vocational trainees for employment at the termination of their training, an exhaustive individual survey is now under way to discover what steps of instruction or experience a man is lacking in his new vocation, and his training will be arranged to cover these points. The old rule of time limitations on training is being subordinated to the accomplishment of effective results. The training board of the Bureau has now been reduced to a point where individual attention can be given each trainee and the men coming out from this point on will be so graded in their training that their transition from training status to employment status will be gradual

and effective. In cases where it is found that the training prescribed is unsuited to the individual even radical changes are being at once effected. The employment service is now bending its efforts to finding opportunities where the man may actually finish his training on jobs where it is expected he will, as far as possible, take up actual employment.

District Manager Dalton has announced, that as a result changes in personnel and facilities, there will have been effected not later than March thirty-first a saving of \$150,000 annual expenditure in his District with a prospect for further drastic cuts as the year goes on. One item alone, the discontinuance of the use of a training institution the services of which are no longer necessary will result in an annual saving of at least \$58,000. No effort will be made to maintain on the Government budget, facilities that have outlived their necessity. Grouping of clerical and stenographic employees, who formerly were scattered about in individual offices, has resulted in further curtailments which while it has possibly personally inconvenienced some of the personnel, has been done on the theory that the work is in tended for the benefit of the ex-service men and not for the convenience of the employees. This has further resulted in removing subordinates from locations where they have heretofore on occasions acted for their chiefs, sometimes to the detriment of those having rights before the Bureau. This segregation has already, to some extent, heightened the morale of numerous employees of professional status and impressed them with their individual responsibility in the handling of cases.



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SEEK MAN FOR ATTACK ON ATLANTA GIRL.

(Preston News Service)
Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—Police are searching for a Negro (?) who is said to have attacked Miss Edna Harris in a garage in the rear of her home in South Seventh street last Tuesday morning.

In her description of the man to the police she said he was certainly a Negro, but later she indicated that his face was much darker than his ears, neck and hands. She said that she went to the garage when she heard a dog barking there. At the door she said, the man grabbed her and pulled her inside. He demanded her rings and, finding that she had none, he drew a pair of scissors from his pocket and cut her hair off close to her head. He then ran away. Miss Harris ran back to the house.

PITTSBURGH MAN HELD FOR EXTORTION.

(Preston News Service)
Connellsville, Pa., Feb.—Accused of having gone to the home of Mrs. Hattie V. Clark in Meadowlark, last Thursday afternoon and represented himself as a solicitor for a policeman's organization and to have demanded \$500 from the woman for legislative purposes Roger C. McKelvey, a white man of Pittsburgh was arrested.

Mrs. Clark said that after she had refused to give McKelvey money, he left her home and a short time afterwards returned and at the point of a revolver, demanded \$200. Mrs. Clark said she screamed and the man fled. She notified the police and his arrest followed.

SOLICITS FUNDS FOR JEWISH CAUSE; HELD.

(Preston News Service)
Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb.—Isaac Robinson got himself in the toils of the law when he took it upon himself to solicit funds for the Jewish Relief last Wednesday evening at the corner of Craig street and Baum Boulevard. Robinson was making great progress in his campaign for charitable inclined persons, were continually dropping shekels into the contribution box that Robinson had contrived for that purpose. The success he was having caused him to wax eloquent, and among other things he declared that he was born and bred in Jerusalem, when one of Aunt Hagar's children who happened to be in the crowd yelled out: "Brother you must be mixed on your geography. In what part of Alabama is Jerusalem or is it in Africa?" This uncouth interruption by one of his own race variety angered Robinson and he replied that he was a true son of Israel.

Then an argument ensued, waxing hotter and hotter until it ended with Robinson lodged in a cell at Center avenue police station. Dr. C. B. Bern train head of the Jewish Relief told the police that Robinson had undertaken to solicit funds on his own hook without authority. He was held for further investigation.

HOWARD APPROPRIATION STRICKEN FROM BILL ON ORDER POINT.

(Preston News Service)
Washington, D. C. Feb.—Taking exception to an address recently delivered by Rev. P. J. Grimke, at the seventh annual convocation of the school of religion at Howard University, Rev. J. P. Byrnes, Democrat of South Carolina, was successful last Tuesday in having appropriations for the university amounting to \$207,500 stricken from the Interior Department appropriation bill on points of order.

Byrnes declared that Dr. Grimke's address on "What is the Trouble With Christianity Today?" touched a "dangerous doctrine." He added that he was opposed to the congress defraying the expense of a course in theology. He said that Dr. Grimke had declared that he had very little faith in the Christianity of Mr. Woodrow Wilson.

JOE BAILEY REPRIEVED BY TENN. GOVERNOR.

(Preston News Service)
Nashville, Tenn., Feb.—Governor Peavy granted a reprieve to Joe Bailey last Tuesday. Bailey was condemned to die at sunrise on Wednesday for the

murder of Policeman Dave Yates of Union City. The reprieve continues until May 31. Governor Peavy stated that he took this action upon the grounds that he had been unable to decide which of the men Bailey or Henry Williams, had committed the crime. The jury at Union City in the Williams case, recently failed to agree upon a verdict. Governor Peavy hopes that this case may be decided before the expiration of the reprieve granted last Tuesday. But he also stated that regardless of this case he would make final disposition of Bailey's case at that time.

TEXT OF COOLIDGE'S CABLE NAMING DR. DUBOIS U. S. ENVOY.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York has received and today made public the text of the cablegram from President Coolidge to President King of Liberia, appointing Dr. V. E. B. Du Bois, Editor of the Crisis, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to represent the United States at the inauguration of President King. The cablegram is as follows:

Great and Good Friend:
I have made choice of Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois as my Special Representative with the rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, on the occasion of your inauguration for another term as President of the Republic of Liberia.

I have entire confidence that he will render himself acceptable to Your Excellency in the distinguished duty with which I have invested him.

I therefore request Your Excellency to receive him favorably and to accept from him the assurance of the high regard and friendship entertained for Your Excellency and the Government and people of Liberia by the Government and people of the United States and the sincere felicitations which they, and I in their name tender to Your Excellency on this auspicious occasion.

May God have Your Excellency in His safe and Holy Keeping.

Your Good Friend
(Signed:) CALVIN COOLIDGE
By the President, Charles E. Hughes
Secretary of State, Washington, December twenty-six, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

AGED MAN IS KILLED BY HIS WIFE.

(Preston News Service)
Jasper, Ala., Feb.—Henry Folkes, aged 76 years was stabbed in the heart early last Thursday night in the coke oven quarters by his wife, Mrs. Jane Folkes, according to police officials. It is claimed that both were locked up in a room together when the stabbing occurred. Folkes was taken to the Walker County hospital, but his condition is serious. Mrs. Folkes was placed in jail to await the results of Folkes condition.

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THIS NEGRO CHECKED MOB VIOLENCE; ONE MOBBER DEAD, 2 SHOT

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, today made public a report of the checking of mob violence by Oscar Clark, a Negro of Georgia.

According to the report published in the Macon, Ga., Telegraph, Clark, who lived at a sawmill near Drayton on the Flint River in Crisp County, Georgia, opened fire with a shotgun on a party of white men who had come to seize him. The trouble arose when a white man for whom Clark worked, mistreated Clark's son. When Clark protested, the mob formed to exact vengeance. The Macon Telegraph states: "The party did not consist of officers but is reported to have planned a private punitive expedition to Clark's home to exact penalty from him for making threats against Ed Houdard, for whom he worked. Houdard is said to have chastised Clark's small son and Clark is reported to have threatened his employer with death if he whip the boy again."

When the mob arrived at Clark's sawmill he met them shotgun in hand. The casualties are: Ed Barber, timber man, 32 years old, dead; Carl Williams, dentist, 33 years old, seriously wounded and may die; James Russell of Cordale, slightly wounded; Paul Wood, several holes through his clothing Clark has disappeared.

N. A. A. C. P. PROTESTS OKLAHOMA THREATS.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, has telegraphed to Governor M. E. Trappe of Oklahoma protesting against any orders to Negroes to leave Oklahoma, and urging that the Governor use his power to safeguard the rights of colored American citizens in that district. The N. A. A. C. P. telegram to Oklahoma's Governor is as follows:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received copy of notices being given to Negroes in the Verdun district at Chickasha, Oklahoma, to leave at once under threat of severe penalties. We respectfully request you as acting Governor of the State of Oklahoma, to do all in your power to protect the rights of these American citizens who are faced with possible mobbing unless they permit themselves to be driven from their homes and occupations.

(Signed:) JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, Secretary.

Reports from Oklahoma state that local officers had refused to take any action upon the anonymous threats.

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Davis in the act of stealing oats from his barn.

When ordered to halt Alsop says, Davis advanced on him and he shot him in self defense. The trial lasted four days. A large crowd, white and colored, attended each day.

INFLUX INCREASES THE WORK OF NURSE ASS'N.

(Preston News Service)
Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb.—According to Miss Edna Foley, superintendent of the visiting Nurses Association of Chicago said in Cincinnati a few days ago: "The influx of Negro families from the South has greatly increased the number of patients cared for during the past year by the association."

Miss Mary Fisher of the Cincinnati association reported that they had 77 cases in Negro families. It was gleaned from the statements of the nurses from various parts of the country that a large percentage of cases could have been cared for in hospitals, but that Negroes experienced great difficulty in getting into many of the hospitals, thus accounting for the large amount of work that had to be done by the association.

UNDESIRABLES FIRED WILBERFORCE DORM.

(Preston News Service)
Wilberforce, Ohio, Feb.—Following an investigation as to causes of the fire that destroyed the B. F. Lee Dormitory at Wilberforce University, which housed more than 250 young men last Thursday morning at 1:30 o'clock the police of Xenia have arrested Ger. Coleman, aged 19 years, of Kentucky one of the dismissed students, on suspicion and lodged him in the Greene county jail. Under a "sweating" Coleman stoutly denied guilt of any connection with the fire. Detectives have in case in charge and promise some very startling disclosures regarding an organized band of Wilberforce students who have been committing many misdemeanors in and around Wilberforce for the past two or more years.

The building was formerly known as the old Griffith homestead and was purchased by the authorities of the institution two years ago when Shorter Hall, the oldest building on the campus was destroyed by fire. It was used as an emergency measure to house the boys. It was lately remodeled at a cost of \$25,000 and partially covered by insurance.

About two weeks ago President John A. Gregg, started a "clean-up" of all undesirable students, and at one time 20 boys were dismissed for various misdemeanors and another crowd was given notice to pack up and leave the school premises. Some of the boys immediately, but a few refused to obey the edict of President Gregg and the Discipline Committee. The sheriff of Greene county and police officers of Xenia were called and ejected them from the premises. The school authorities are of the opinion the building was set on fire by the disgruntled former students and their sympathizers.

The police of Xenia have a good description of the former students who may have been involved in the trouble and are keeping a look-out for those under suspicion.

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